



January 12, 2010

Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Last year, when the F.C.C. announced that it was going to begin debate on so-called "net neutrality" rules, we wrote to express our concerns about this issue.

As an organization, we continue to oppose any rules or regulations that will stifle investment in broadband. The current competitive marketplace has resulted in both innovation and lower prices for our members and the companies they represent. Therefore, on behalf of the members of the Greater Cleveland Partnership, please accept this letter as an expression of our concerns with respect to the FCC's upcoming action on network neutrality. The mission of the Greater Cleveland Partnership is to grow the Northeast Ohio economy and create jobs. We have reviewed this issue carefully and believe that further regulation of wireless networks will negatively impact our ability to invest in Ohio's telecommunications infrastructure, stifle investment in our state, and curtail job growth.

In northeast Ohio, businesses have ample access to advanced wireless phones and networks, while the strong, competitive market keeps bringing new innovation. This thriving, competitive environment is the result of a regulatory regime that is balanced and benefits businesses of all sizes. Thus, it is critical that the FCC retain the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship that has built the wireless and online networks of today.

The FCC should avoid network neutrality regulation of broadband deployment as well. Bringing broadband to all areas of the nation also requires investment in networks, well-paying local jobs and the technology needed for our cities and towns to grow new businesses and to enhance the offerings of our current businesses.

We all agree that a fair and open Internet is important, but the proposed regulations on traditional and wireless broadband service threaten the Internet as we know it today. If imposed, these regulations will stifle innovation and investment. We urge you to proceed with caution and help us grow the economy and create jobs.

Respectfully submitted,

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